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1. During the latter part of May 1951 a regiment located at Delvine moved to Kardhikaq.
2. On 17 May 1951 about nine artillery guns were transported from Gjinokaster through location (R.53-88) toward Kakavi. Later they were returned toward Gjinokaster and thence taken to location (R.620-733), where they were being kept within the nearby forest.
3. In early June 1951 it was reported that about 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers were in Delvine. From 13 to 15 May 1951 soldiers based there practiced maneuvers in the environs of Livine and Navarice. The sound of mortars and automatic weapons was heard in the area.
4. The commander of 5 Division is Vasil Gjini¹ from Vlone, according to information of early June 1951.
5. In early July 1951 it was reported that 300 Government troops were sent to Italle.
6. Information of early June 1951 states that approximately 20 to 25 airplanes recently arrived in Tirana.
7. About 10:30 p.m. on 23 May 1951 an unidentified airplane flew above Durres and was fired on by anti-aircraft batteries.
8. The following movements of Soviet personnel were reported in information of early June 1951:
 - a. About 400 Soviet military and naval officers were seen recently in the areas of Tirana, Durres and Sarande.

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- b. About the end of April 1951, eight to ten Soviets in civilian clothes were seen at Gjinokaster and Sarande.
 - c. On 12 May 1951, six or seven Albanians, accompanied by Soviets (number unspecified), were observed in the area of Erseke.
 - d. About 22 April 1951, two cars of Soviets in civilian clothes visited Sarande and Butrint.
9. The following ships were in Durres harbor on 23 May 1951:
- a. The Bulgarian ship BULGARIA: 8,000 tons.²
 - b. The Rumanian ship BEREZINA: unloaded wood, traverses, five to ten-ton boxes, cement, vehicles and boxes of various shapes marked with Czech writing.
 - c. The Rumanian ship SULINA: 350 tons.³
 - d. The Soviet ship HAFUZAK (sic): 8,000 tons; described as having a red smokestack; unloaded machinery, 10 to 15-ton boxes, thousands (sic) of small ammunition boxes, various-sized pipes 4 to 10 meters in length, cement, 350 kilogram barrels, tar paper and thousands (sic) of new rubber tires. All the boxes were marked with Russian writing.
10. The following equipment was noted recently in Durres harbor, according to information of early June 1951:
- a. Two large Soviet cranes and two small ones (sic - also Soviet?)⁴.
 - b. Two or three trucks with cranes.
 - c. Three or four cranes on shlepia (sic - floats? Albanian for "sloop").
 - d. Three small dredges.
 - e. Five or six tractors at the pier.
11. On 25 April 1951 three boats arrived at Sarande with grain and departed on 27 April 1951, presumably for the Soviet Union, with a load of cheese. It was also reported that large quantities of rice, oil, fleeces and cheese were being collected at Sarande, which were believed destined for the Soviet Union.
12. During April 1951 all names were taken off the public buildings in Sarande and were replaced with numbers. In order to prevent confusion, policemen were placed outside the entrances of the buildings to give instructions.
13. On 20 April 1951 identification cards were issued to members of the Albanian Democratic Front. About 3 to 5 percent of the members were considered suspect and did not receive cards.
14. Information dated mid-May 1951 states that the Korce Labor Brigade, headquarters of which are outside Elbasan (sic), is comprised of four companies, each having between 40 and 50 men. The commander of the Brigade is Vasil Teitsi from Bulgarec.
1. Comment: Information of February 1950 states that Vasko Gjine was commanding officer of 3 (sic) Division at Gjinokaster. Other information of July 1950 gives Lt. Col. Pashko Gjini from Korce as commander of 5 Infantry Division based at Gjinokaster . However, Lt. Col. Nexhat Hysi (also received as Col. Reshat Yasi) is reliably reported to be the commander of 5 Infantry Division located at Gjinokaster.

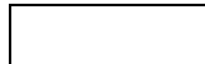
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2.  Comment: Reliably reported to be of 4,191 tons.

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3.  Comment: Tonnage given as 800 tons 

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